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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The forty-eighth session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 12 to 30 July 1993. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 12 July 1993 at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the forty-eighth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the rules of procedure the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4 which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the forty-eighth session. In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties may be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

5. At its forty-seventh session, the Committee decided that two working groups, established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its forty-eighth session. The working groups are scheduled to meet at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 5 to 9 July 1993.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters.

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

5. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

6. World Conference on Human Rights.

7. Annual report of the Committee to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council under article 45 of the Covenant and article 6 of the Optional Protocol.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, during a session, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session. In this connection, it may be noted that the Committee decided at its forty-seventh session to set up, in addition to the pre-sessional working group on communications, a working group under article 40 of the Covenant to prepare concise lists of issues concerning periodic reports scheduled for consideration at the forty-eighth session; to revise, in the light of the comments of the Committee members at the forty-seventh session, the draft general comment on article 18 of the Covenant; to consider any draft general comment that may be put before it relating to article 27 of the Covenant; and to review the Committee's procedures under article 40 of the Covenant, in the light of the discussion on that subject at the Committee's forty-seventh session.

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its forty-eighth session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties:

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Second periodic report due in 1983	(CCPR/C/28/Add.16)
Afghanistan	Second periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/57/Add.5)
Cameroon	Second periodic report due in 1990	(CCPR/C/63/Add.1)
Yemen	Second periodic report due in 1993	(CCPR/C/82/Add.1)
Romania	Third periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/58/Add.15)
Italy	Third periodic report due in 1990	(CCPR/C/64/Add.8)
Japan	Third periodic report due in 1991	(CCPR/C/70/Add.1)
Norway	Third periodic report due in 1991	(CCPR/C/70/Add.2)
Costa Rica	Third periodic report due in 1991	(CCPR/C/70/Add.4)
Jordan	Third periodic report due in 1992	(CCPR/C/76/Add.1)
Mexico	Third periodic report due in 1992	(CCPR/C/76/Add.2)
Tunisia	Fourth periodic report due in 1993	(CCPR/C/84/Add.1)

The Secretary-General has also received supplementary reports from Kenya and the Gambia which the Committee will consider together with those States parties' second periodic reports.

Reports due

The situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant is as follows:

States parties whose reports were due by the closing date of the forty-seventh session (8 April 1993) but have not yet been received

Initial reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Gabon	20 April 1984	18
Equatorial Guinea	24 December 1988	9
Somalia	23 April 1991	4
Malta	12 December 1991	3
Haiti	5 May 1992	2
Slovenia	24 June 1992	-
Zimbabwe	12 August 1992	2
Nepal	13 August 1992	2
Croatia	7 October 1992	-
Grenada	5 December 1992	1
Israel	2 January 1993	1
Albania	3 January 1993	1
Estonia	20 January 1993	1
Lithuania	19 February 1993	1

Second periodic reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Cyprus	18 August 1984	19
Syrian Arab Republic	18 August 1984	19
New Zealand-Cook Island	27 March 1985	8
Gambia	21 June 1985	17
Suriname	2 August 1985	16
Lebanon	21 March 1986	16
Kenya	11 April 1986	15
Mali	11 April 1986	15
Jamaica	1 August 1986	13
Netherlands-Antilles	31 October 1986	7
Guyana	10 April 1987	13
Iceland	30 October 1987	12
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	13 December 1987	11
El Salvador	31 December 1988	9
Central African Republic	9 April 1989	8
Gabon 1/	20 April 1989	8
Congo	4 January 1990	7

Second periodic reports (continued)

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Zambia	9 July 1990	6
Bolivia	13 July 1990	6
Togo	23 August 1990	6
Viet Nam	31 July 1991	4
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	31 October 1991	4
San Marino	17 January 1992	3
Sudan	17 June 1992	1
Argentina	7 November 1992	1
Philippines	22 January 1993	-

Third periodic reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	21 March 1988	-
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	4 February 1988	-
Lebanon 2/	21 March 1988	11
Bulgaria	28 April 1989	-
Cyprus 2/	18 August 1989	8
Syrian Arab Republic 2/	18 August 1989	8
Trinidad and Tobago	20 March 1990	7
New Zealand	27 March 1990	7
Gambia 2/	21 June 1990	6
Mauritius	18 July 1990	6
Suriname 2/	2 August 1990	6
Denmark	1 November 1990	6
El Salvador 2/	28 February 1991	5
Barbados	11 April 1991	5
Kenya 2/	11 April 1991	5
Mali 2/	11 April 1991	5
Nicaragua	11 June 1991	4
Zaire	31 July 1991	4
Jamaica 2/	1 August 1991	4
Portugal	1 August 1991	4
Sri Lanka	10 September 1991	4
Netherlands	31 October 1991	4
Australia	12 November 1991	3
France	3 February 1992	3
India	31 March 1992	3
Panama	31 March 1992	3
Guyana 2/	10 April 1992	3
Rwanda	10 April 1992	3
Madagascar	31 July 1992	2

Third periodic reports (continued)

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Central African Republic 2/	7 August 1992	2
Iceland 2/	30 October 1992	2
Democratic People's Republic of Korea 2/	13 December 1992	1
Morocco	31 December 1992	1
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 2/	8 February 1993	1

Fourth periodic reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	4 February 1993	-
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	21 March 1993	-
Lebanon 3/	21 March 1993	-

States parties whose reports are to be submitted between the closing date of the Committee's forty-seventh session (8 April 1993) and the closing date of its forty-eighth session (30 July 1993)

Initial reports

State party	Date due
Angola	9 April 1993
Brazil	23 April 1993
Benin	11 June 1993
Côte d'Ivoire	25 June 1993
Latvia	13 July 1993

Third periodic reports

State party	Date due
Austria	9 April 1993
Peru	9 April 1993
Egypt	13 April 1993

Fourth periodic reports

State party	Date due
Panama	6 June 1993

4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the forty-eighth session, prepared in consultation with the Chairman and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Ireland (initial)	CCPR/C/68/Add.3	Monday, p.m. Wednesday, p.m.	12 July 1993 14 July 1993
Iran 4/ (Islamic Republic of) (second periodic)	CCPR/C/28/Add.15	Tuesday, a.m./p.m.	13 July 1993
Hungary (third periodic)	CCPR/C/64/Add.7	Thursday, a.m./p.m. Friday, a.m.	15 July 1993 16 July 1993
Egypt (second periodic)	CCPR/C/51/Add.7	Monday, a.m./p.m. Tuesday, a.m.	19 July 1993 20 July 1993
Bulgaria (second periodic)	CCPR/C/32/Add.17	Wednesday, a.m./p.m. Thursday, a.m.	21 July 1993 22 July 1993

In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its forty-eighth session.

Under this item, the Committee will continue consideration of a draft general comment on article 18 of the Covenant, as revised by its pre-sessional working group, as well as consider a draft general comment on article 25 of the Covenant.

5. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

One hundred and thirty-one communications are pending before the Committee from earlier sessions. Taking into account the deadlines established by the Committee for submission of further information from the parties, 40 cases (earlier declared admissible) may be considered for the adoption of final views and 91 cases may be considered for a decision on admissibility. In addition, the Committee will have before it summaries of

a number of recently registered communications and summaries of new communications registered after its last session, together with an indication of any action which may have been taken by the Special Rapporteur for new communications.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

6. World Conference on Human Rights

Under this item, the Committee will consider the outcome of the World Conference on Human Rights, in the light of information and documentation to be provided during the session.

7. Annual report of the Committee to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council under article 45 of the Covenant and article 6 of the Optional Protocol

Under article 45 of the Covenant, the Committee is to submit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, an annual report on its activities. Article 6 of the Optional Protocol provides that the Committee shall include in its annual report a summary of its activities under the Protocol.

At its fifth session, the Committee decided that, beginning with 1979, it would adopt its annual report at the end of the second annual (summer) session, for appropriate transmission to the General Assembly. Accordingly, the annual report in 1993 will cover the activities of the Committee at its forty-sixth (October/November 1992), forty-seventh and forty-eighth sessions.

Notes

1/ The State party's initial report has not yet been received.

2/ The State party's second periodic report has not yet been received.

3/ The State party's second and third periodic reports have not yet been received.

4/ The Committee began consideration of the second periodic report of the Islamic Republic of Iran at its 1193rd to 1196th meetings (forty-sixth session), reverted to it at its 1230th and 1231st meetings (forty-seventh session) and decided to continue consideration at the forty-eighth session.